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## **1. AIM AND CONTENT OF THE CONSULTATION**

### **1.1. Context of the consultation**

In the framework of the shaping of the interregional cooperation Programme MED 2014-2020, a public consultation has been organized as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Programme. It has been realized following the Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain Programmes on the environment.

This public consultation was an opportunity for the JTS/MA of the Programme to collect feedbacks from stakeholders on the operational Programme itself. Therefore, a few non mandatory questions were added to the initial questionnaire (additional questions added at the end of the questionnaire, separated from the SEA consultation) proposed by the hired experts for SEA. This report presents the results of this consultation.

### **1.2. Consultation objective**

The objective of this few questions were to collect general feedbacks from stakeholders on the draft of the operational programme.

### **1.3. Content of the consultation**

The questions were the following<sup>1</sup>:

1. The specific objectives (including type of actions) of the Programme are coherent in regards to the results of the consultation of the stakeholders of the MED Area
  - Totally disagree
  - Rather disagree
  - Rather agree
  - Totally agree
  - No opinion

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<sup>1</sup> The general questionnaire contained identification questions. None of the questions was mandatory.

2. The proposal of projects modules is in line with the type of actions proposed in the Operational Programme

- Totally disagree
- Rather disagree
- Rather agree
- Totally agree
- No opinion

3. The level of administrative burden has been reasonably reduced

- Totally disagree
- Rather disagree
- Rather agree
- Totally agree
- No opinion

4. The budget share between the investment priorities is relevant.

- Totally disagree
- Rather disagree
- Rather agree
- Totally agree
- No opinion

5. If the Programme should have only one official language, which one should it be?

- French
- English

6. Please add any comment or concrete proposal :

## **2. METHODOLOGY OF THE CONSULTATION**

### **2.1. Timing**

The consultation has lasted from March 17th till April 30th.

### **2.2. Stakeholders involved**

The consultation was published on the website of the MED Programme and stakeholders from lists collected for the MED Programme consultation on themes was invited via e-mail to participate. It represents about 6200 e-mails.

## **3. VALIDATION PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY**

The additional questions were proposed to the Task Force along with the proposal from the expert for the SEA public consultation on February 18th.

## **4. RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION**

### **4.1. General figures**

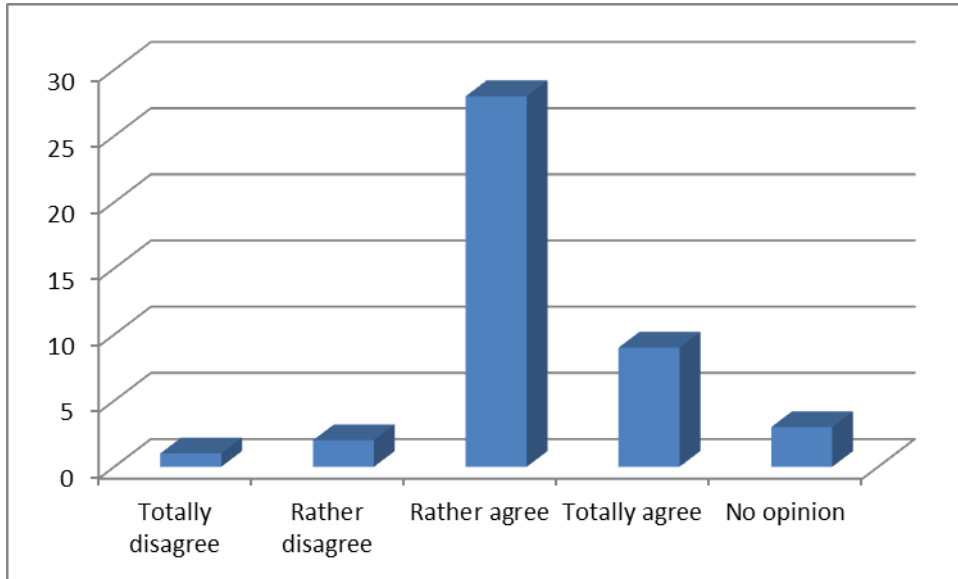
345 persons have accessed the survey webpage. 267 provided incomplete answers to questionnaire and 78 persons finalized it.

54 persons answered the additional questions.

## 4.2. Questions

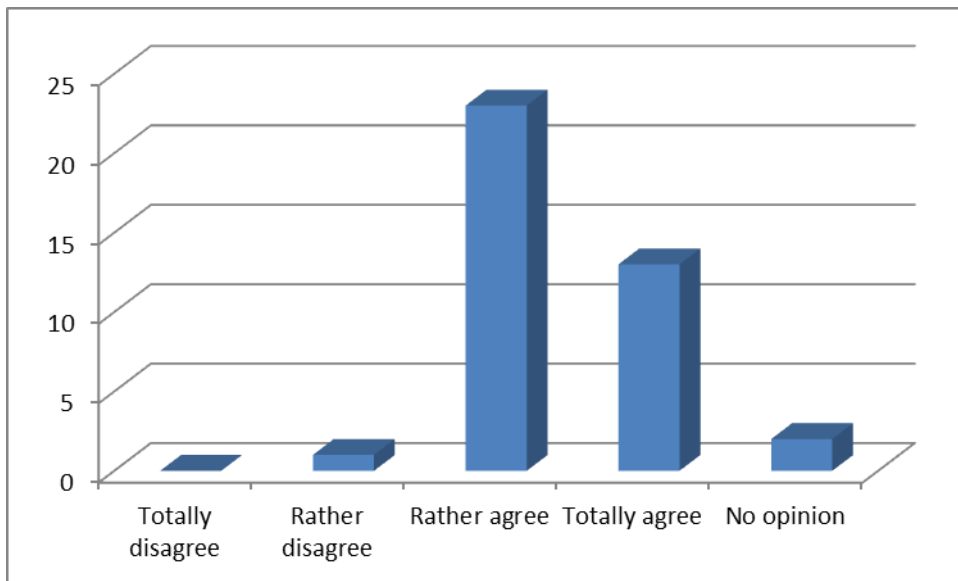
### QUESTION 1 : Coherence of the draft OP with the results of the prior consultation of stakeholders on theme

43 persons answered the question the following way:



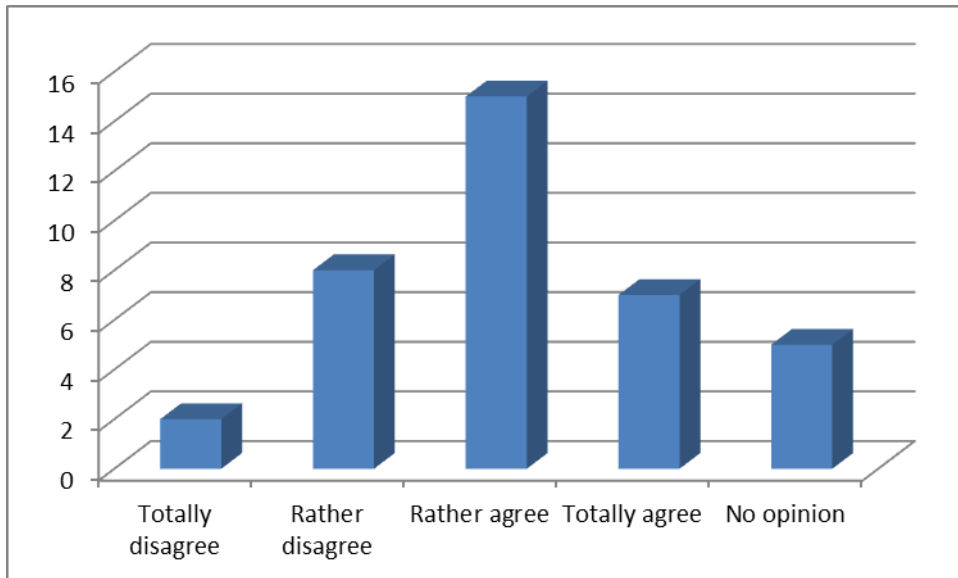
### QUESTION 2 : Relevance of modular approach of the projects

39 persons answered the question the following way:



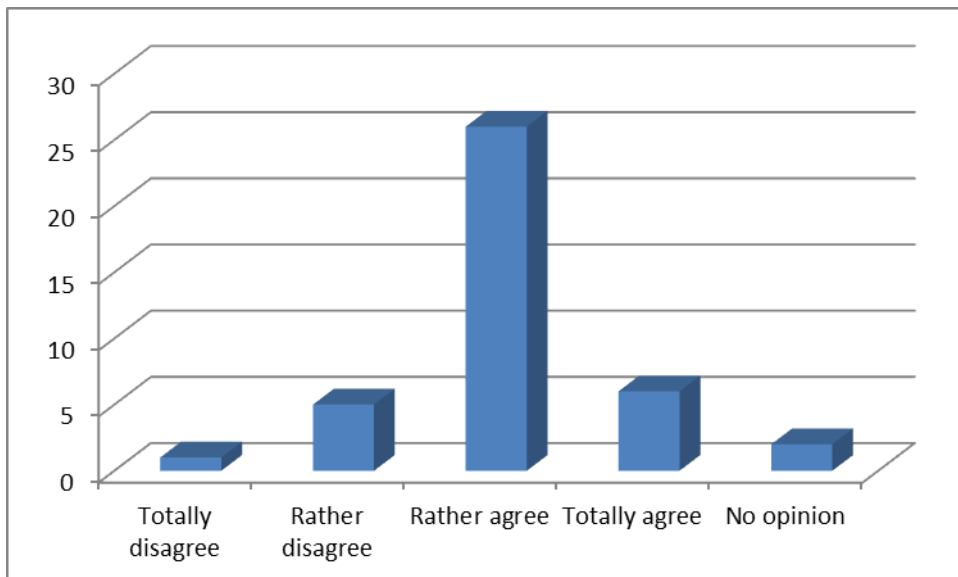
**QUESTION 3 : Level of reduction of administrative burden**

37 persons answered the question the following way:



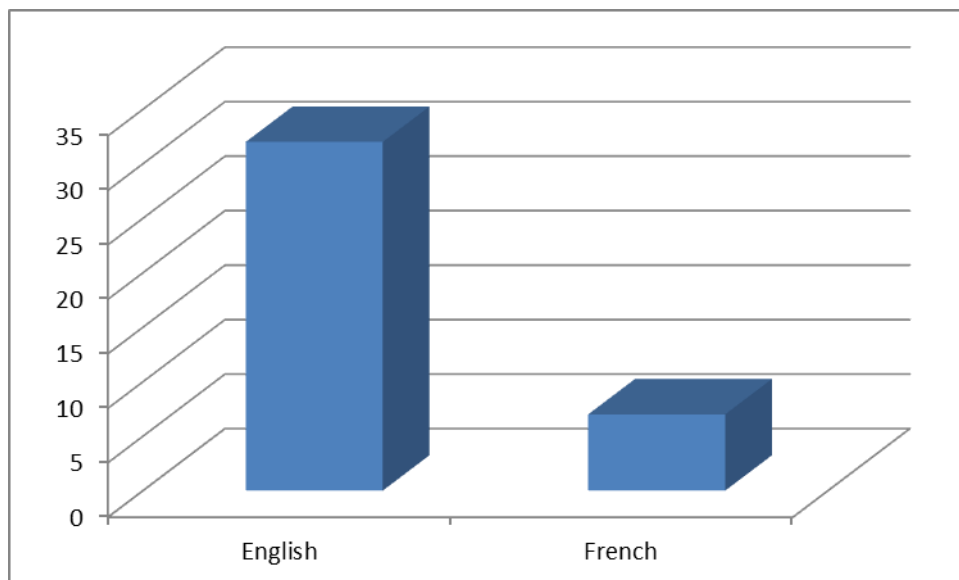
**QUESTION 4 : Budget share between investment priorities**

40 persons answered the question the following way:



### **QUESTION 5 : Language of the Programme**

39 persons answered the question the following way:



### **QUESTION 6 : Comments**

6 persons left additional comments on the draft OP:

The budget for OT11 seems to be too much. More emphasis should be put on protection from natural and anthropic risks. The objectives and actions relating to OT11 do not seem to be sufficiently illustrated.
We would like to note, due to fact that in Mediterranean Sea lay the majority of EE islands, however insularity and it's issues have not been addressed with consistency and seriousness on the part of governments and local authorities
I have the filing that the limited areas of actions, focused to particular actions related with driveed support to groups/countries/Institutes
Creating or developing networks of experts to support public authorities in decision making processes
To additionally help B&H for more active participation
Improve the use of the software Presage, especially in cross cuyting tables
With regards to project selection criteria, MEPA suggests the use of biodiversity favourable project selection to help minimise trade-offs for those negatively affecting biodiversity, whilst encouraging projects supporting investment in natural capital. Authorities may raise awareness amongst stakeholders who have the capacity to initiate the most suitable project opportunities that meet the objectives of the MED Cooperation programme and putting in place support mechanisms to enable this to happen such as fine tuning project eligibility criteria, as well to identifying overlaps and synchronisation with other funding programmes such as LIFE+, Erasmus+ and ERDF. MEPA suggests raising greater awareness amongst SME's on the benefits of regional development with mediterranean counterparts through the programme,

especially in the case of small Island States that could benefit from the funding opportunities to meet their current needs in terms of economic development perspectives, promotion of renewable energy solutions, and the sustainable management of natural and cultural resources as described in section 4 (pg 107). Once projects are completed, further dissemination of the achieved results will help beneficiaries to avoid duplication of ideas at project proposal level and encourage beneficiaries to apply for projects covering the whole set of objectives as laid out in the new programme.

Il n y a pas de perrenisation des activités et actions sans développement économique. Il est donc nécessaire que les réseaux économiques (CCI, entreprises d'investissement et bancaires) soient plus présents dans les axes 3 et 4.